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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7256**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 506

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 21, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 21, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Electronic Distribution of Legislative Documents.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		(328,660)	(328,660)
Net Increase (Decrease)		328,660	328,660

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill specifies that certain legislative documents are to be distributed in electronic rather than paper format, unless the Legislative Council, the principal secretary of the Senate, or the principal clerk of the House of Representatives directs that paper copies be used. It provides that any unused appropriations made for the purpose of printing and distributing legislative documents shall be transferred by the director of the Legislative Services Agency to a nonreverting fund.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill requires that the Indiana Code, Indiana Register, the Legislative Acts, Indiana Administrative Code, Indiana Register, House Journal, and the Senate Journal be distributed in an electronic format. The bill also provides that the Legislative Services Agency shall post the documents on the Internet. The bill applies to documents distributed to state and local government officers, departments, agencies, boards and commissions, public libraries, state educational institutions, and the general public.

The Legislative Services Agency was appropriated \$498,000 for FY 2002 and \$542,000 for FY 2003 to print the documents described above. Printing costs increase when the Indiana Code is printed every five years and when the Indiana Administrative Code is printed every four years. The estimated average annual cost

over the entire printing cycle is about \$692,530. The use of the electronic format would significantly reduce the cost of distributing the documents. The annual cost of providing the documents in electronic format is estimated to be \$363,870. The average annual General Fund saving over the publication cycle is about \$328,660. This bill allows any unused appropriations to be transferred to a nonreverting fund.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Legislative Services Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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